Title: USE OF ETODOLAC FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC LYMPHOCYTIC LEUKEMIA

In the Claims

1. (Previously Presented) A method of reducing the viability of leukemia cells in a mammal sensitive to a 1-(R) compound of formula (II):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{5} & R^{4} \\
R^{7} & X \\
R^{7} & Y-Z
\end{array}$$
(II)

wherein R¹ is lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, lower cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are the same or different and are each hydrogen or lower alkyl; R⁶ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, benzyloxy, lower alkanoyloxy, nitro or halo, R⁷ is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl; X is oxy; Y is carbonyl or (C₁-C₃)alkyl(CO), wherein each alkyl is substituted with 0-2 (C₁-C₄) alkyl, and Z is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, lower alkylamino, di(lower)alkylamino or phenylamino;

comprising administering from about 50 mg to about 5000 mg of the (R)-compound of formula (II); or a salt thereof to a cancer patient afflicted with a leukemia.

2. (Original) A method of increasing the susceptibility of leukemia cells in a mammal to a chemotherapeutic agent comprising contacting the cells with from about 50 mg to about 5000 mg of a compound of formula (II):

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^5 & R^4 \\
R^7 & X \\
R^7 & Y-Z
\end{array}$$
(II)

wherein R¹ is lower alkyl, lower alkenyl, lower alkynyl, lower cycloalkyl, phenyl or benzyl, R², R³, R⁴ and R⁵ are the same or different and are each hydrogen or lower alkyl; R⁶ is hydrogen, lower alkyl, hydroxy, lower alkoxy, benzyloxy, lower alkanoyloxy,

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nitro or halo. R^7 is hydrogen, lower alkyl or lower alkenyl; X is oxy; Y is carbonyl or (C_{1-}) C_3)alkyl(CO), wherein each alkyl is substituted with 0-2 (C_1 - C_4) alkyl, and Z is hydroxy, lower alkoxy, amino, lower alkylamino, di(lower)alkylamino or phenylamino; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, comprising administering from about 100 3. mg to about 2500 mg of the compound of formula (II).
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, comprising administering from about 100 4. mg to about 2500 mg of the compound of formula (II).
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (II) is 5. administered in a single dose.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the compound of formula (II) is 6. administered in a single dose.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (II) is 7. administered in divided doses.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the compound of formula (II) is 8. administered in divided doses.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising administering the 9. compound of formula (II) to achieve a plasma concentration of from about 200 µM to about 1000 μ M.
- (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising administering the 10. compound of formula (II) to achieve a plasma concentration of from about 200 μ M to about 1000 μ M.

- 11. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the leukemia is chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- 12. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the leukemia is chronic lymphocytic leukemia.
- 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the mammal is a human.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 wherein the mammal is a human.
- 15. (Cancelled).
- 16. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (II) or the salt thereof is administered orally.
- 17. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the compound of formula (II) or the salt thereof is administered orally.
- 18. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the compound of formula (II) is R(-)-etodolac.
- 19. (Original) The method of claim 2 wherein the compound of formula (II) is R(-)-etodolac.
- 20. (Cancelled).